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SEVENTH YEAR.

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Here!
Is a Chance for Those Who Did Not Take Advantage of Our 1-3 Off Sale!

By reason of the unprecedented large sale of Suits and Overcoats in this sale it left us quite a lot of our finest Suits and Overcoats in broken sizes; also quite a number of elegant Coats and Vests in Imported Clays, Cheviots and Unfinished Worsteds from which the Pants never sold. If you can find your size in any of these lots

You can buy the garments for less money than the material in them costs.

We are going to close them out. First come, first choice. Don't miss this opportunity.

Look in our windows and you will see the

Best 50-Cent Madras Bosom and Cuff Shirt
in the world. They come in all the newest spring shades.

Look in our windows and you will see the

Best Line of MEN'S FINE SHOES
in the state. Our prices are \$2, \$2.50 and \$3. The qualities of these are Satin Calf and Calf Skin. Our Enamel, Russia Calf, Box Calf, Cordovan and Patent Leather Shoes are up to date.

HECHINGER & CO.
LEADERS IN FINE CLOTHING AND SHOES.

BEE HIVE
...THE...
BEE HIVE

more
THAN TWENTY FIVE CASES AND BALES REACHED us within the past few days, all filled with new Spring Merino handies—all of this great stock purchased direct from manufacturers or their agents, enabling us to sell them at prices well below others. Some more great bargain arrivals in our Dress Goods Department. A very superior Plaid, for men, called "Egyptian Tissue" and used principally for shirt waists, selling in the metropolitan stores for 35c; our price 25c. Don't fail to see these.

Popular Price Percales. A great aggregation of "em. Sold everywhere for 10c; your choice of colors at 12c. On the same bargain table you will find Fancy Colored Dimity, worth 12c; our price 9c. Besides a large line of Fine Organdies, regular 18c quality, but sold here at 12c; and, then, too, perkins, splendid material for shirts and shirt waists, 5c.

Linens, Crashes, White Goods, Etc. Our stock of these is almost filled to overflowing—wonderful additions within the past week of Dimities, India Linens, Nainsooks, Damask and Huck Towels, Table Linens and Napkins at values so great and prices so low that they will astonish you. You will be all the wiser by giving this stock a critical inspection.

EXTRA SPECIAL
or this week we will sell PRIDE OF THE WEST BLEACHED LAUSLIN, considered the very best of its kind made, one yard wide and never before sold under 12 1/2c, for the week only 10c.

ROSENAU BROS.,
KINGS OF LOW PRICES.

MAYSVILLE WEATHER.
What We May Expect For the Next Twenty-four Hours.

THE LEADER'S WEATHER SIGNALS.
White streamer—Fair;
Blue—Rain or snow;
With Black above—(will) warmer
snow.
(If Black) beneath—(will) warmer
snow.
Unless Black's shown—no change
we'll see.

THE above forecasts are made for a period of thirty-six hours ending at 10 o'clock tomorrow evening.

HERE AND THERE

If you have friends visiting you, or if you are going away on a visit, please drop us a note to that effect.

Mrs. Sam Perry and little son are home from a visit at Bellevue.

Mrs. John T. Wilson and Miss Mamie D. Scott have returned from a trip to Washington and New York.

Mr. Sherman McDaniel, Chief of Police of Addyston and Coal City, near Cincinnati, is the guest of his brother-in-law, Mr. Lee B. Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Eph Outten and son Gray left Tuesday for their home in Princeton after attending the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Jane Outten.

All matter for publication must be handed in before 9 o'clock in the morning of each day.

If you have an item of news, please call on THE LEADER, Telephone 35, and send it in.

Try Tracy's delicious Butterfats.

Clover Seed at M. C. Russell & Son's.

Mrs. Joe Newlin, residing at Stanford, died from eating canned salmon.

For chapped hands and rough skin use Ray's Etilaine at Postoffice Drugstore.

Teeth extracted without pain Dr. J. W. Cartmel, over Harry Taylor's, Phone 60.

M. C. Russell & Son yesterday received a shipment of two carloads of Mason fruit jars.

The venerable Mrs. Sophia Bode continues quite ill at her home just East of Aberdeen.

A mass meeting of Democrats is talked of at Lexington to oppose the Gobel Force Bill.

The Keith-Schroeder Harness Co. is one of Mayville's busy factories. It is running day and night to fill orders.

At Lexington Judge Parker has granted the petition asking for an accounting of the Bluegrass Building Association by the Master Commissioner.

The report of the State National Bank appears elsewhere, showing deposits of \$18,994.58, a surplus fund of \$30,000 and undivided profits amounting to \$6,840.39.

Why send away for your Garden Seed when you can buy them as cheap at home, and there is no better grown than Landreth's? For sale at Chenoweth's Drugstore.

Murphy the Jeweler is showing a nice line of Watch and Table Clocks at prices that will interest any one in need of goods in this line. Call and learn prices. Sole agent for B. & H. Lamps.

Timothy Seed at M. C. Russell & Son's.

William Blount of Miranda has gotten a pension of \$5 a month.

W. J. Weaver and Miss McRoberts of near Hillsboro married in Flemingsburg recently.

Good morning, aren't you going to see "A Great Catastrophe" tonight at the Court-house?

Brannon Bros of Lewisburg have sold 5,000 bushels of wheat to William Mitchell of Helena at 95 cents a bushel.

The gross receipts of the Lecture given by Dr. Molloy to assist the Ladies Aid Society to raise funds were \$29.40.

Until the completion of the Opera house and the restoration of the bell, the Court-house bell will be used for fire alarms.

Mrs. Lizzie Hurtt, formerly Miss Lizzie Moores of this city, is entertaining a nine pound son at her home at Springfield, Ill.

The Fayette Circuit Court decides finally that offenses committed in the county cannot be tried by the Lexington Police Court.

Walter S. Sellers of Chambersburg, Pa., a nephew of Mr. John J. Reynolds of Flemingsburg, lost his life in the recent Maine disaster.

Congressman Pugh has introduced a bill for the relief of Samuel G. Raymond, which has been referred to the Committee on War Claims.

W. W. Lynch, dealer in Furniture, Household goods and Shoes, is now located at 31 East Second street, four doors East of Alexander's Livery Stable.

The Northeastern Kentucky Medical Association will meet at Deering Campground in the early part of August, just before the beginning of Campmeeting.

Mr. Alfred C. Strode of Lewisburg has gone to Chester, Mont., where he will be assistant manager of the great sheep ranch of his uncle, Mr. Thomas Strode, formerly of Kentucky.

Mrs. Greenwood was delightfully surprised yesterday afternoon by a number of her friends in honor of her birthday. Lunch was served at 3 o'clock, and all present spent a very pleasant afternoon.

Hello! Give me 33. This Tuxedo Officer! Please have a good, live reporter at Court-house tonight. "A Great Catastrophe" is to happen and the citizens are very much interested to learn particulars.

The Directors of the Y. M. C. A. met yesterday in consultation with State Secretary Roosevelt, but no conclusion was reached as to the future of the local body.

Rev. Ransom Martin, the oldest Methodist Minister in Western Kentucky, died at his home in Christian county. He was 92 years old, and leaves a wife, eight children and forty-five grandchildren.

Dr. Arthur McCormack, representing the State Board of Health, who is at Middleborough directing the management of the smallpox epidemic, thinks he will have the disease under complete control in three weeks.

Washington Fire Company was incorporated December 27th, 1851, by David Clark, Henry Rudy, Stanislaus Mitchell, F. McClanahan, W. H. Wadsworth, Joseph F. Brodick, B. C. Law, Conrad Rudy, William S. Bider, Jacob O. Plaster and Godfrey Phelan; and of the entire number Mr. Brodick, now a resident of Missouri, is the sole survivor.

NAMES A LITTLE MIXED.

But These Who Are "On" Can Easily Straighten 'Em Out.

Last evening's Times-Star says Birdie McCune writes from Maysville, Ky., to the County Clerk inquiring about an alleged secret marriage here of John T. Pugh and Ida McDaniel. She alleges they are from Aberdeen and that she has a breach of promise suit pending against Pugh.

THE GEORGE WOOD SALE.

An Unusually Large Crowd Present and High Prices for Property.

The sale of land and personality of Mr. George Wood took place yesterday, and notwithstanding the inclement weather there was a tremendous crowd present.

The personality sold at unusually good prices, the aggregate netting \$1,767.05.

Of the land, 100 acres, including the homestead, were sold to Mr. George Coffey at \$109 per acre, and 100 acres adjoining the farm of A. R. Glascock were knocked down to Mr. John T. Martin at \$58.25 per acre.

This leaves about 170 acres unsold.

In the aggregate, the sale was the best that has been held in Mason county for many years, and the results show that there has been a most substantial improvement in conditions.

W. E. Newell, Fire and Life Insurance.

A new issue of counterfeit \$2 Treasury notes has made its appearance. The note bears check letter B and plate number 35.

A meeting has been called for Tuesday, March 8th, of the commissioners appointed by Governor Bradley to prepare for the ceremonies incident to the christening of the battleship Kentucky, March 24th.

At a mass-meeting at Springfield, O., to raise funds for a monument to the victims of the Maine, Governor Bushnell, in a letter which was read, said if it was proved that Spanish treachery destroyed the Maine he was in favor of building the monument on the ruins of Merco Castle.

FELL OVERBOARD.

A Young Man Drowned at Buena Vista, O., by Falling From M. P. Wells.

William Hardy, a young man of Vanceburg, was drowned Tuesday night off the steamer M. P. Wells while the boat was at the landing at Buena Vista, O.

The crew was moving several hogs heads of tobacco that had been loaded in order to make more room on the boat, and in some unaccountable manner, Hardy, who was assisting, missed his footing and fell into the river, sinking out of sight before aid could be gotten to him.

He was a son of Captain William Hardy, one of Vanceburg's well known citizens.

The body has not as yet been recovered.

FOUND DEAD.

Joseph H. Bode Found Dead in Newman's Livery Stable This Morning.

Joseph H. Bode, aged about 48, was found dead in the office of Mr. Bruce Newman's Livery Stable on Wall street about 6 o'clock this morning.

He had been employed about the stable for some time, and it was his custom to get up about 5 o'clock in the morning to feed a couple of wagon horses kept there.

This morning he did not make his appearance as usual, and when others went to wake him they found him dead.

He yesterday attended the George Wood sale with Mr. Newman and retired last evening in seemingly good health.

The cause for his death has not been ascertained. Coroner Wood is holding an inquest as THE LEADER goes to press.

Mr. Bode leaves four children, two sons—Messrs. John and Joseph—and two daughters—Misses Alline and Katie, his wife dying only a few weeks since.

LAST NIGHT'S MEET.

What Was Done By Members of the Washington Fire Company.

The Washington Fire Company met last night at Neptune Hall, President Russell in the Chair.

C. W. McClanahan, Trustee, reported that all the insurance money had been received,—\$49,400, and that \$8,000 had been paid out in redeeming the Company's Opera house bonds, leaving only \$800 outstanding, which will be paid on presentation.

The Committee to solicit funds for rebuilding the Opera house was directed to procure plans, select two or three of the most suitable ones and submit them to the Company, whereupon a Building Committee will be appointed to decide upon the best and proceed with the work.

Messrs. C. W. McClanahan, J. D. Dye, William H. Cox, Alex. Calhoun and Joseph Lowery were named to take charge of the work of clearing off the lot and caring for the bell, &c., for which they will be glad to have as many volunteers as wish to donate a day or two in work.

It was stated that Mr. John G. Wadsworth desired to donate all the rock necessary for the new foundation, while Captain Long Cook offers to hang the new bell free of cost.

Colonel Ben T. Smith, Janitor of Neptune Hall, donated his services during the night of the ball; and resolutions were passed thanking Mr. Smith and thanking the Neptune Fire Company for its handsome subscription to the new Opera-house, and for the use of its Hall.

Thanks were also tendered the several insurance companies for prompt payment of their losses.

We All Know

There is a popular belief that eyes cannot be properly fitted outside of an oculist's office, but we are constantly proving the incorrectness of that belief. If you have a dull pain about the eyeball, or if, when reading, the letters seem to run together, call and be relieved. We charge nothing for examination, and guarantee satisfaction in every case.

BALLENGER,
Jeweler and Optician.

THAT PENSION AGENCY.

Senator Deboe Kicking, and Hon. Sam Roberts Goes to Washington.

Collector Sam J. Roberts and Colonel Leslie Combs of Lexington are in Washington.

The mission of Mr. Roberts is to urge the appointment of Mr. Combs as Pension Agent at Kentucky.

It is said that Senator Deboe is kicking, wanting Major Cardwell of Winchester, a Union veteran, appointed Postmaster at Lexington, the place promised H. Clay Elkin, who would thus be left out in the cold.

But Mr. Combs is not eligible to the Postmastership, Walnut Hill being his Postoffice.

Mr. Roberts, it is said, will use his influence to have the original plans carried out—Combs for Pension Agent and Elkin for Postmaster.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION
—OF—
The State National Bank
(No. 3,663.)

at Maysville in the state of Kentucky, at the close of business, February 18th, 1898.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts \$37,543.02
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured 1,060.29
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 50,000.00
Stocks, securities, etc. 2,553.14
Banking-house, furniture, and fixtures 24,277.13
Other real estate and mortgages owned 12,141.01
Due from National Banks 15,731.99
Due from State Banks and bankers 10,742.93
Due from approved reserve agents 13,140.62
Checks and other cash items 4,029.19
Notes of other National Banks 54.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents 354.00
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz: Specie \$ 25,941.00
Legal-tender notes 11,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer 2,250.00
Total \$101,300.08

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in \$100,000.00
Surplus fund 30,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 6,840.29
National Bank notes outstanding 45,000.00
Due to other National Banks 2,553.14
Due to State Banks and bankers 1,060.29
Individual deposits subject to check 36,580.52
Time certificates of deposit 50,525.00
Total \$101,300.08

STATE OF KENTUCKY, ss.
Mason County.

I, Charles B. Pearce, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHARLES B. PEARCE, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23d day of March, 1898.

C. L. SALLER, Notary Public.
My Notary commission expires February 4th, 1900.

Corrected—Attest:
HOBART PICKLEN,
HENRY DECE WATSON, Directors.
WILLIAM H. COX.

MISSIE'S and CHILDREN'S

Chocolate

HIGH SHOES.

J. HENRY PECOR.

Friday's Cash Sale

Corded Dimities!

CORDED DIMITIES. Linen finish. Fifty pieces will be put on sale Friday morning at 5c. the yard. Rosebuds, blossoms, sprays, garlands, scrolls, moire and geometrical patterns in beautiful colorings like Dresden China-ware. Though not as fine in texture, as artistic in designs and tints as French organdy. These beautiful goods are 30 inches wide, with self-colored cords, single, double or triple running the length of the goods. Bright, fresh, new with an added charm of low price. These are golden days for summer sewing. Don't miss this chance to lay in supplies.

D. HUNT & SON.

Everything is Normally Quiet in Cuba's Capital.

Wrecking Tug Merritt Valuable in Cleaning Away Debris.

Naval Officers Believe the Court Will Find the Maine Disaster Was Caused by the Explosion of a Floating Sub-Marine.

KEY WEST, Fla., March 3.—Capt. Hanson, of the steamer Mascotte, which arrived from Havana Wednesday night, says that when the vessel left Havana there was no sign of impending riot or of an anti-American demonstration. On the contrary everything was normally quiet.

HAVANA, March 3.—The wrecking tug J. J. Merritt, of the Merritt Chapman Wrecking and Dredging Co., commanded by Capt. D. A. Wolcott, arrived here from New York Wednesday morning and later in the day moved a barge near the wreck and commenced work.

Fred J. Sharp is here in charge for the company. The Merritt is a powerful boat, but another and bigger tug is expected here shortly. The Right Arm will probably remain as long as she can be useful.

The wrecking company expects from now on to keep four expert divers at work.

Two Spanish divers were at work about the wreck Wednesday and it is understood they will report to the Spanish board appointed to inquire into the cause of the disaster. Capt. Fernal is the president of the Spanish board of inquiry.

It is reported that Capt. Sigsbee does not expect to find any of the dead in the zone of the explosion, but that believes bodies will be recovered from portions of the wreck as the divers remove the debris. The divers are working steadily forward, are encountering continual difficulties, and it is certain the new tugs, additional men and complete apparatus will hasten the work of salvage.

The officers of the Viscaya paid ceremonial visits Wednesday morning to Adm. Naterola and Capt. Gen. Blasco. Crowds of people view the cruiser from the points of vantage ashore and those who are permitted to do so on board.

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Senator Proctor and his party returned to the city Wednesday night after spending the day at Matanzas, where they were shown every attention by United States officials. The members of the party expressed the deepest sympathy for the suffering Cubans, of whom they saw many.

Without adding unnecessarily to the flood of surmises, conjecture and prophesy concerning the finding of the court of inquiry, it is believed that, as a matter of fact, most of the naval officers here and at Key West incline to the opinion that the court will find that the disaster to the Maine was caused by the explosion of a floating sub-marine mine under the port side of the ship, forward. Opinions differ as to whether this mine was made of high explosives, such as wet and dry gun cotton or ordinary gun powder.

Opinions agree, however, as to the existence of mines in the harbor, but also that this one was laid purposely near the buoy which kept the Maine, and was directed to moor, and was fired from an electric battery on shore. It is believed fairly possible that the explosion of the mine, the result of the carelessness or ignorance of Spanish officers in charge of the mine station, which kept the Maine, was directed to moor, and was fired from an electric battery on shore.

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Key West, Fla., March 3.—The United States court of inquiry into the loss of the battleship Maine resumed its sessions here at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. Ten more enlisted men were examined by the full board, and Commander Forester, the first of the witnesses not on the list of the crew of the Maine was called. It is understood that he gave testimony regarding the condition of the battleship at the navy yard here.

The torpedo boat Ericsson left here Wednesday morning for the fleet at Tutuza. She was expected back Wednesday afternoon.

Key West, Fla., March 3.—The sailors and officers of the Maine were notified before the board of inquiry. As one man they have said that the explosion was from the outside. Each was heard separately.

New York, March 3.—The Press Wednesday printed a tip from Key West that the American battleship was destroyed by design; that she was blown up by an agent of the Spanish government; that the Spanish government could have carried out that crime.

SMOKELESS POWDER.

The Works at Santa Cruz Near Night and Day—Will Double Their Capacity.

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., March 3.—As the powder works near Santa Cruz are busy night and day. Four new presses have just been received for the manufacture of smokeless powder. These are being put into shape for immediate operation.

These new presses mean an additional output of 4,000 tons of smokeless powder daily. The capacity of the works is now two and a half tons of government powder daily and also tons of black powder. They said that they will soon be in condition to double their present capacity.

NEGRO MURDERER

Taken From the County Jail at Senatobia, Miss., and Shot to Death.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 3.—Fred Moore, the Negro murderer of Tom Anderson was taken from the county jail at Senatobia, Miss., at 12:30 o'clock Wednesday morning and shot to death by a mob of 50 persons. Anderson and Moore had quarreled over a trivial matter. Moore followed him and shot him five times, afterward placing the body on the railroad track to hide the crime. They said that witnesses however, and soon Moore was behind the bars. The lynching caused little excitement.

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CONDENSED NEWS

Sathered From All Parts of the Country By Telegraph.

The Russian steamer St. Petersburg has passed through the Bosphorus with 1,500 recruits bound for Vladivostok.

Favorable Report on Mason's Joint Resolution.

To Investigate Killing of Colored Postmaster at Lake City.

Capt. Mortimer Johnson Selected as Commander of the Steamship—She Will Remain in the Delaware at Present—Bill for Cession of Arid Lands.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Secretary Long has decided to send a naval vessel to Cuba at once with forty or fifty tons of provisions for the relief of the suffering reconcentrados. The vessel will go to Matanzas or Sagua la Grande. It is said an emergency expedition makes it necessary to dispatch provisions at once in order to succor the starving. The vessel to be sent will be selected Wednesday afternoon.

It was subsequently decided to send two vessels with the relief supplies. The Montgomery will take supplies to Matanzas and the Nashville supplies to Sagua la Grande.

The senate committee on post offices and post roads Wednesday authorized a favorable report on Senator Mason's joint resolution for an investigation of the recent killing of the colored postmaster at Lake City, C. The resolution was amended and as reported is as follows:

Whereas, It is asserted that the United States postmaster at Lake City, U. S. C., has been murdered and his wife and children shot, his home burned and the United States mail property there destroyed; therefore,

Resolved, That a joint committee consisting of six members of congress, three from the senate and three from the house, be appointed to investigate the alleged crime and report the facts to congress, together with their recommendations and that they have authority to administer oaths and to send for persons and papers, and to employ a stenographer to be paid out of the contingent fund of the two houses of congress, and the power to take through subpoena.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—In the executive session of the senate Wednesday morning moved to reconsider the vote by which the nomination of Walter Flanagan, to be collector of internal revenue for the third district of Texas, was confirmed Tuesday.

Considering the motion Mr. Hale said that he had received letters saying that Mr. Flanagan should not be confirmed and that he merely asked reconsideration in order to permit an investigation.

Senators Mills and Chilton, of Texas, opposing the motion, saying that they did not agree politically with Mr. Flanagan they thought his confirmation should stand. The motion was not acted upon.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The friends of Hawaii are very much discouraged over the outlook and with but few exceptions admit that annexation will probably receive its death blow so far as this session of congress is concerned.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—A commander for the monitor Miantonomah which was ordered into commission, was selected Wednesday in the person of Capt. Mortimer Johnson, who is at present on waiting orders. Secretary Wilson has recommended these two vessels there remain only the cruisers Columbia and Minneapolis on the Atlantic coast available for immediate service.

The department should decide to commission more ships. The Atlantic navy yard has made a number of ships in the course of three or four months and the Chicago in six months in case emergency orders for their repair are issued.

There are a number of good ships on the Pacific coast, however, whose repair is under way, such as the Charleston, the Princeton, the Yorktown and others, and the pay rolls of the construction bureau at the Mare Island navy yard has now mounted to the large total of \$60,000 per month for wages alone.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Senator Warriner Wednesday introduced two bills providing for the cession of the arid public lands to the various states in which they are situated. One of the bills cedes all the lands unconditionally and the other provides for cession after certain preparations shall have been made by the states to reclaim the lands, such as the division of each state into irrigation districts, the construction of reservoirs, etc.

The other bill is provided by a long preamble setting forth the fact that the remaining public lands are practically all arid and can be reclaimed only by irrigation on an extensive scale, which is only possible by state enterprise.

The bill conveys all the lands west of the 99th Meridian except mineral lands and forest and Indian reservations to the states in which they are located.

Bureau of the Victims.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., March 3.—Impromptu funeral services for the victims of the chemical works explosion were held Wednesday afternoon in the presence of the mayor, city officials, civil bodies and a large concourse. The result of the inquiry indicates that the explosion was caused from gas from chemicals which had spread through the building.

Business Property at Berea, Kan., Burned.

BREKA, Kan., March 3.—Five Wednesday afternoon destroyed six business houses, with their contents, besides a bank and newspaper office. Loss \$50,000.

Christopher near Chicago was burned to a crisp in his room, where the fire started. He had been drinking and it is supposed that he upset a lamp.

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The Commission Folds Sessions in Cleveland, O.

A Merchant Makes Complaint Against a Car Service Co.

He Charges That Discrimination is Made Against Small Shippers in Favor of Big Ones—This Hearing, a Measure Made a Test Case.

CLEVELAND, O., March 3.—The interstate commerce commission, represented by Judge Charles A. Prouty, of Vermont, began Wednesday an inquiry into the complaint of H. M. Strauss, a commission merchant, that the Cleveland Car Service association, which includes all the railroads entering the city except one, is discriminating against small shippers in favor of big ones. J. J. McAllister, of Washington, the commission's official stenographer, was in attendance.

Yeomans, of Iowa, a member of the commission, will attend the hearing if possible before the close of the day.

Lewis Williams, manager of the Cleveland Car Service association, was the first witness. He has, he said, taken the stand with a discussion of the request of the complainants that the association books and records dated back to 1900, and that he had brought before the commission. Williams subsequently testified that he did not object to producing the books. He said that association records were open.

The testimony of Aaron Goodman, a shuffer, who is a member of the Cleveland Car Service association, was taken. It was to the effect that the association strictly enforces upon the small shippers a rule imposing warehouse charges for allowing goods to remain in cars, unloaded longer than the specified time.

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The Strauss hearing is in a measure a test case. Further proceedings in the other instance will depend somewhat on the decision in the Strauss case. It is an open secret that the smaller shippers hope that the end of the matter will be that interstate commerce commission will dissolve car associations throughout the country.

Price Albert Embarks for America.

LONDON, March 3.—Price Albert of Belgium, captured by the Kaiser's army, has been seen by the Kaiser Wilhelm der German.

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